

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22. By this paper, Applicants hereby cancel claims 2, 3, and 19 and amend independent claims 1, 14, and 17 and dependent claims 4 and 15 for clarification of certain features to expedite allowance of the present application. Specifically, the Applicants amend independent claim 1 to incorporate dependent claims 2 and 3, and amend independent claim 17 to incorporate dependent claim 19. As summarized below, the Applicants also amend independent claims 1, 14, and 17 to incorporate a “location reference” as agreed with the Examiner during a teleconference on February 13, 2006. These amendments do not add any new matter. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Interview Summary

On February 13, 2006, the Applicants’ representative, Tait R. Swanson (Reg. No. 48,226), initiated a telephonic interview with the Examiner to discuss the differences between the claims and the cited references.

The Applicants’ representative stressed that the Belanger reference (2002/0059402 A1) fails to teach or suggest a variety of features recited in the claims. For example, the Applicants’ representative emphasized that the Belanger reference fails to teach or suggest “the virtual media resources include a *media image* that *simulates* an actual *removable* computer disk and instructions disposed thereon” as recited by independent claim 1, or “the virtual media resources include a *simulation* of an actual content-filled computer disk having *instructions*” as recited by independent claim 14,” or “the virtual media resources include a *computer simulation* that represents instructional content and behavior of an actual *removable* computer disk” as recited by independent claim 17. The Applicants’ representative specifically pointed out that the Belanger reference teaches a *server-sided software application system* in which all software is provided on the server rather than the client side computer. See Belanger, Abstract; Paragraphs [0030] – [0031]. In other words, the Belanger reference *teaches away* from installing software on the client side computer. See Belanger, Background, Paragraphs [0001] – [0005] and [0050]. The Applicants’ representative also stressed that the user’s dedicated storage space on the server is simply a user’s data storage

space (e.g., user's documents) on a fixedly secured hard drive (i.e., not removable) as a result of the server-sided software application system. *See* Belanger, Paragraph [0024]. The Belanger reference does not teach or suggest any sort of media image, or simulation of an actual content-filled computer disk, or computer simulation of an actual removable computer disk.

Although agreement was not reached on the foregoing claim features, several amendments were agreed upon to place the application in condition for allowance. These amendments include incorporating dependent claims 2 and 3 into independent claim 1, incorporating dependent claim 19 into independent claim 17, and adding a "location reference" into independent claims 1, 14, and 17. In view of this agreement, the Applicants hereby amend the claims in this manner to place the application in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-13, 17-18 and 20-22 under U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Belanger (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0059402 A1, hereinafter "Belanger"). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and interview summary, the Applicants submit that the foregoing rejection is moot and should be withdrawn. During the telephonic interview on February 13, 2006, it was agreed that the Belanger reference fails to teach or suggest location references for virtual media resources as set forth in the presently amended claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belanger, in view of Microsoft, Active Directory Overview ("the Microsoft reference"). Further, the Examiner rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Microsoft reference, in view of the Belanger. Again, the Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and interview summary, the Applicants submit that the foregoing rejections are moot and should be withdrawn. During the telephonic interview on February 13, 2006, it was agreed that the cited references, taken alone or in hypothetical combination, fail to teach or suggest location

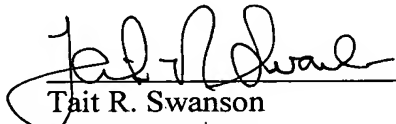
references for virtual media resources as set forth in the presently amended claims.
Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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